

TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: USDA RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE GRANTS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced [grant opportunities](#) for Rural Utilities Service's Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program. The distance learning and telemedicine loans and grants are specifically designed to provide access to education, training, and health care resources for people in rural America. The DLT program funds the use of advanced telecommunications technologies to help communities meet those needs. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2004, the following amounts are available for grants, combination loan-grants, and loans:

- \$15 million for grants
- \$110 million for combination-loan grants
- \$200 million for loans

Specific information about this grant opportunity, including the FY 2004 application guides, program regulations, toolkits, and notice of application filing deadline is available at www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm. The DLT grant applications are due by **April 30, 2004**.

If you have any questions about the application process and program requirements, please contact the DLT Program staff at (202) 720-0413 or e-mail dltinfo@usda.gov.

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